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Timely Tidbits ...

Seniors Attend Prom, Commencement

The coming week is sure to be a busy one for Romulus High School's Class of '00. The Senior Prom, set for June 7, will be followed by the Senior Luncheon on June 9 and Commencement on June 10. For a complete list of the graduates' names, see page 7.

Mayor's Chair Hosts Special Guests

When the next edition of the monthly *Mayor's Chair* program airs on channel 12 at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 8, three very special guests will be featured: Erin Conway (valedictorian of Romulus High School's Class of 2000), Brooke Thompson (salutatorian), and Eric Franquist (an honor student who maintained perfect attendance throughout his entire high-school career).

Anyone who would like to be present when the program is taped must be seated in the Council Chambers at City Hall (11111 Wayne Road, at Goddard) no later than 6:15 p.m. Home viewers can ask questions of the Mayor and guests by calling 734-942-7571.

Parade Entries Sought

On Monday, July 3, the City of Romulus will hold its annual Home-town Celebration Parade, which will depart from City Hall at 6 p.m. The parade will also recognize the City's thirtieth birthday.

The City is encouraging all interested youth, church, and civic organizations to take part in this special millenium event. To register, contact the Recreation Department at 734-942-6852.

Rummage Sale

The City-wide No-fee Rummage Sale Weekend (which began on Thursday, June 1) will continue through Sunday, June 4. (If two or more of the four dates are "rained out," the event will be postponed to the following weekend: June 8-11.) For those who missed it in our last issue, a complete list of sale sites is on page 4. □

Voters Face School Board, Charter Issues

Linda Choate, City Clerk, would like to remind Romulus voters that an election has been scheduled for Monday, June 12, 2000.

Those who reside within the boundaries of the Romulus school district will be asked to choose two of the three candidates seeking seats on the Board of Education - incumbents Betty M. Lenossi and Michael D. Woods and challenger Robert W. McLachlan.

City residents face three proposed revisions to the Romulus City Charter. These revisions would update City spending policies to reflect the effects of inflation over the past 30 years, and would authorize City Council to make future updates based on the federal Consumer Price Index. All three proposals have received the endorsement of many elected officials, including Mayor William M. Oakley (see page 2).

A verbatim copy of the various Charter proposals immediately follows.

Proposal 1

Shall Section 3.2 of Chapter XIII of the Romulus City Charter, entitled "Material Purchases," be amended to increase from Seven Hundred Fifty (\$750) Dollars to Twenty Two Hundred Fifty (\$2,250) Dollars, the amount of any contracts for the purchase of any material, tool, apparatus or any other things

which may be entered into by the City without first advertising for sealed bids, provided that after the year 2001, City Council may establish by resolution from time to time a greater amount which shall not exceed the increase in the Consumer Price Index as reported by the U.S. Department of Labor.

Yes___ No___

Proposal 2

Shall Section 13.3 of Chapter XIII of the Romulus City Charter, entitled "Specifications," be amended to increase from One Thousand (\$1,000) Dollars to Three Thousand (\$3,000) Dollars the amount of any public improvement contracts which may be entered into by the City without drawings, profiles and estimates being submitted to City Council and approved by it prior to commencement, provided that after the year 2001, City Council may establish by resolution from time to time a greater amount which shall not exceed the increase in the Consumer Price Index as reported by the U.S. Department of Labor.

Yes___ No___

Proposal 3

Shall Section 13.4(a) of Chapter XIII of the City Charter, be amended to increase from One Thousand (\$1,000) Dollars to Three Thousand (\$3,000)



Linda Choate

Dollars the amount of any contracts for any public improvements or for the purchase of any material, tools, apparatus, or any thing or things which may be entered into by the City without first obtaining approval by a majority of Council, provided that after the year 2001, City Council may establish by resolution from time to time a greater amount which shall not exceed the increase in the Consumer Price Index as reported by the U.S. Department of Labor.

Yes___ No___ □

Well Opponents March on "Environmental Justice"

By Kristi Stephens

Opponents of a proposed hazardous-waste treatment, storage, and disposal facility in Romulus have planned a protest march for later this month, hoping to convince Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Director Russell Harding to turn down the project. Leading the march will be Phyllis Glazer, who founded MOSES (Mothers Organized To Stop Environmental Sins) to fight a hazardous-waste facility in Winona, Texas.

Glazer is convinced that the Winona facility has seriously polluted the area around her home town, and - although state and federal monitoring agencies have not found evidence to support her assertions - she believes that this pollution has been responsible for various illnesses, birth defects, and even deaths in the animal and human population. Further, despite the assurances of various technical experts regarding the safety of today's deep-well technology

and methods for handling hazardous waste streams, she fears that Romulus will face serious problems if the DEQ approves a facility that Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS) plans to operate on Citrin Drive.

That's why she has joined with a local anti-well group known as RECAP (Romulus Environmentalists Care About People) to protest the project.

One of the key issues that the march will address is "environmental injustice." Because Glazer believes that disposal companies often deliberately target poor, minority areas for their projects - and that watchdog agencies often turn a blind eye to the practice - she calls her MOSES march group the Overground Railroad, envisioning it as a means of leading minorities to freedom from environmental oppression, much as Harriet Tubman and other members of the Underground Railroad led blacks to freedom from slavery.

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EDS President Doug Wicklund answers "environmental justice" claims with Census statistics.

Letter to the Editor

Support of Charter Revisions Urged

Dear Citizens of Romulus:

When you go to the poles on Monday, June 12, you will decide three ballot proposals that will affect the speed and efficiency with which our city government is able to deliver services.

First, successful passage of these proposals will allow the city administration to make minor spending decisions more rapidly. Second, by improving the speed with which decisions can be made, our government can operate more efficiently – and, of course, a more efficient government is less expensive to operate. Third, though one of the components of all these proposals provides an increase in maximum spending limits, the new limits are still far below the normal inflation that has occurred in the last thirty years.

None of the proposals will raise your taxes in any way.

Anyone who is not completely familiar with the content of each of these proposals is urged to call my office and discuss them with me personally. I can

be reached at 734-942-7500 during normal business hours, and welcome the opportunity to discuss the impact that each of these decisions will have.

I appreciate your time and the attention that you have shown to this issue. Working together, I know that we can dramatically improve service to our residents.

Thank you sincerely for your support over the years and for your consideration in reviewing these important proposals.

Very truly yours,
William M. Oakley, Mayor
City of Romulus

Editor's note: All letters to the editor must contain the writer's signature and a telephone number where he/she can be reached in order to verify the letter's authenticity. Names will be withheld by request if, in our opinion, the letter's content merits anonymity.

The Romulus News reserves the right to edit all letters for clarity and, if necessary, brevity. □

Well Opponents To March This Month

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The question is: Would EDS' Citrin Drive facility in Romulus constitute a case of environmental injustice?

In 1994, President Clinton issued an executive order that requires each federal agency to identify and address, as appropriate, any "disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects of its programs, policies, and activities on minority populations and low-income populations."

Accordingly, when RECAP member Sandra Yerman and State Representative Ray Basham contacted the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and expressed their belief that the EDS project would result in environmental injustice for the surrounding community, the EPA made a thorough review of the subject.

First, with regard to whether or not the project would impact a disproportionately large minority or low-income population, the EPA used 1990 Census figures to conduct a demographic analysis of the area within a two-mile radius of the EDS site. Because the population was composed of only 9.1% minorities (compared to the State average of 18%) and 26.8% low-income residents (compared to the State average of 28%), the EPA deemed that the EDS project was not an environmental-justice case.

When Representative Basham insisted that the surveyed area should be

widened to at least a four-mile radius, the EPA disagreed, but added that even a five-mile radius would yield figures of 18% for minorities and 27% for those with a low income – still not above the State average.

To Basham's concerns about environmental impact and decreased property value, the EPA wrote, "The proposed site is located in a heavily industrialized area. The area already hosts other industrial facilities including several airport-related trucking firms, three petroleum tank farms and an asphalt plant. Additionally, the runway of the Detroit International Airport and a major interstate are located within a two-mile radius. Since all of the existing facilities have the potential for visible emissions, noise and odors, the existing facilities will likely have a greater effect on property values than the EDS facility. Furthermore, the effect on property values beyond two miles from the site would be negligible."

Nevertheless, anti-well activists – many distrustful of government in general – remain unconvinced by the EPA's findings, and they plan to press their case for environmental justice during their upcoming march.

Although a firm date for the event has not yet been set, anyone interested in finding out more can contact Glazer at 972-960-1421 or RECAP member R.P. Lilly at 734-753-4320. □



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Guest Commentary

Package Offers Security for Seniors

By Representative Mike Hanley, Democratic Leader, Michigan House of Representatives

There is much talk these days about the price of prescription drugs—particularly for senior citizens, many of whom take a number of medications, have a limited income, and have little or no insurance to help them. And there are plenty of concerns about senior health-care in general, including nursing-home needs, Medicaid reimbursement, and overall insurance coverage.

My Democratic colleagues and I have decided that the talk has gone on long enough; something has to be done. That's why we have proposed a sweeping agenda for retirement security.

Our plan has five main components: affordable prescription drugs, independent living, quality health-care, HMO reform, and nursing-home reform.

Here's a look at these components in more detail.

Prescriptions

Seniors 60 and older would receive half off their out-of-pocket expenses at the pharmacy counter. This plan, dubbed "pharMigap" (after the "Medigap" supplemental insurance program), would save the average senior in Michigan \$205 a year—half of the \$410 he or she spends, on average, on prescription drugs.

Independent Living

No person wants to live in a nursing home, so my colleagues and I are supporting a tax deduction of \$1,500 for grown children who provide services to keep their elderly parents out of institutionalized long-term care. We also support providing \$10 million to Area Agencies on Aging to help fund the HomeCare Options for Michigan Elders (HOME) program, which provides services that help seniors who aren't eligible for Medicaid to live independently.

Quality Health-care

Recognizing its deficit, House Democrats would put \$300 million into the Medicaid system to keep hospitals open, improve nursing homes, and allow physicians to continue to accept elderly Medicaid-eligible patients. Medicaid is grossly under-funded, and many

seniors rely on it for their health care. We cannot continue to allow this vital program to diminish.

HMO Reform

Changing doctors is often a traumatic experience, both physically and emotionally. Our plan would allow HMO subscribers who are 65 and older to keep their current doctor for life, even if the doctor ends his or her affiliation with the HMO. This would also apply to HMO subscribers who have a terminal illness, serious chronic illness, or cancer.

In addition, HMOs would be required to pay for treatment that a doctor determines is medically necessary. This would put medical decisions in the hands of doctors and patients, not insurers.

Nursing Homes

When children must make the decision to move a loved one to a nursing home, they should never have to worry that the family member's well-being might be compromised. That's why we are supporting provisions to allow the State to take over nursing homes which are dangerous to their patients, and improve and bring them up to appropriate standards so that they will provide a safe and healthy environment. As the chief regulator of nursing homes, the State must play a more active role in their oversight.

You may be thinking that much of this agenda is obvious. I mean, shouldn't the State intervene when a nursing home becomes a danger to its residents? Unfortunately, what is obvious is not always what is done. That's why we are backing this package, in the hopes that what obviously needs fixing will automatically be fixed—because it's right and it's the law.

What are your thoughts about our senior security plan and other senior issues? As always, I welcome your comments via phone (800-952-9559), U.S. mail (Representative Mike Hanley, State Capitol Building, Lansing, MI 48909), or e-mail (mhanley@house.state.mi.us). And be sure to visit the House Democratic web page (www.housedems.com) for continual information on what is going on at the State Capitol.

Editor's note: The purpose of the "Guest Commentary" column is to provide members of the Romulus community and other interested parties with an opportunity to express their viewpoint on issues of interest to the people who live and do business here. Responsible individuals and spokespersons are invited to make use of this column, free of charge, anytime.

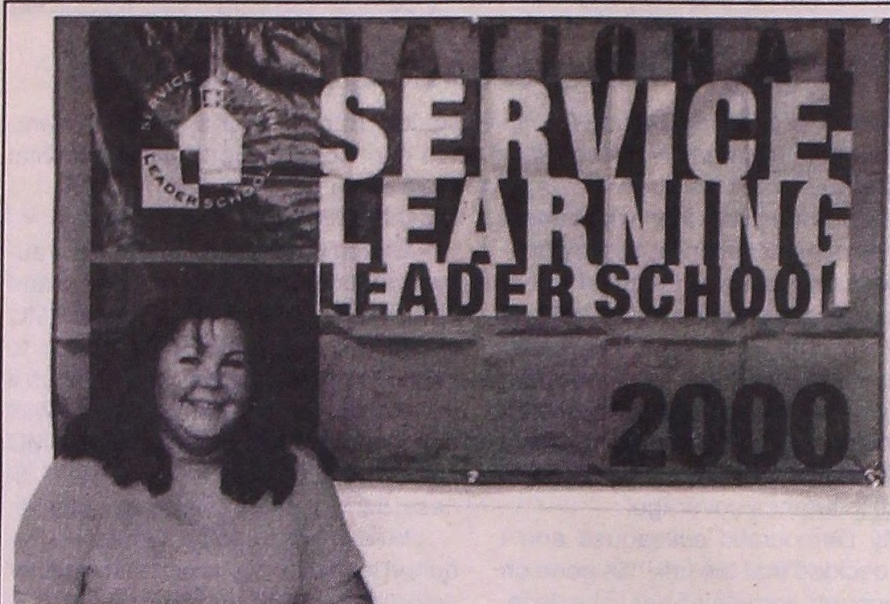
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RHS Gets National Recognition for Service-Learning Programs



Kathy Hurst, Service-Learning Coordinator, is proud of the community-service work being done by the students at Romulus High School. RHS is one of only two high schools in Michigan – and only 32 from across the nation – that will be recognized as "National Service-Learning Leaders" in Washington, D.C. later this month.

Romulus High School is one of only 32 high schools from throughout the United States that have been recognized as National Service-Learning Leaders. The prestigious Presidential Award is given to outstanding schools that combine academics with community service in a way that benefits students, teaches civic responsibility, and strengthens communities.

"Leader Schools are not only improving teaching and learning, but they're helping shape better citizens," said Harris Wofford, CEO of the Corporation for National Service, which administers the award program.

Department of Education statistics show that service-learning is a burgeoning trend in the United States. In 1984, only 27% of all high schools had school-fostered community-service projects, and only 9% offered service learning. By the 1998–1999 school year, those numbers rose to a remarkable 83% and 46%, respectively.

Kathy Hurst, the Service-Learning Coordinator for Romulus Community Schools, is proud that our district was one of the relative few at the forefront of the service-learning movement.

"I truly believe that community involvement is one of the keystones of

democracy," she stated. "The privileges of American citizenship are accompanied by responsibilities. To keep our society strong, we must give as well as take."

"Developing good citizens to maintain our democracy... that was our goal when we began our service-learning program six years ago, and that continues to be our goal today."

As a National Service-Learning Leader, Romulus has been invited to send representatives to Washington later this month to accept the Presidential Award, attend a congressional reception, and undergo a three-day training program. Participants will have an opportunity to study a number of strategies for developing "leadership plans" that will allow them to share their service-learning successes with other schools. Ideas such as hosting visitors on campus, training peers, and promoting service-learning through conferences, publications, and the internet will be discussed.

Joining Hurst for the trip will be Eva Webb, Treasurer of the Romulus Board of Education, as well as Marci Tomchick and Serena Kessler, who teach math and language arts, respectively, at the High School. □

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Numbers in parentheses refer to sale dates:

1=Thurs., June 1; 2=Fri., June 2; 3=Sat., June 3; 4=Sun., June 4

Cogswell Road (Ecorse Road to Van Born Road) Area

6351 Heyer (1, 2, 3)
6361 Heyer (2, 3, 4)

Van Born Road to I-94/Wayne Road to Inkster Road Area

6916 Ball (1, 2, 3, 4)
30778 Beverly (3, 4)
35276 Beverly (1, 2, 3, 4)
32195 Bruce (3, 4)
6179 Central (2, 3, 4)
27880 Ecorse (1, 2, 3, 4)
28112 Ecorse (1, 2, 3, 4)
35209 Ecorse (1, 2, 3, 4)
6076 Fourth (3, 4)
6200 Fourth (1, 2, 3, 4)
6559 Gloria (2, 3, 4)
6717 Middlebelt (1, 2, 3, 4)
5892 Second (1, 2, 3, 4)
6430 Washington (1, 2, 3, 4)
6689 Washington (1, 2, 3, 4)
6031 Wayne (2, 3)

South Wayne Road/McDonald's Area

9403 Barry (2, 3)
9360 Biddle (1, 2, 3, 4)
9249 Chamberlain (3, 4)
9404 Chamberlain (3, 4)
9324 Essex (1, 2, 3, 4)
9521 Essex (3, 4)
9648 Essex (2, 3, 4)
9672 Essex (2, 3)
34596 Julie (1, 2, 3, 4)
34886 Julie (1, 2, 3, 4)
34980 Julie (1, 2, 3)
9441 Karen (2, 3, 4)
9317 Lisa (2, 3, 4)
9413 Lisa (2, 3)
34348 Lynn (1, 2, 3, 4)
34360 Lynn (1, 2, 3, 4)
9622 Marc (2, 3, 4)
34224 McBride (3, 4)
9726 Michael (1, 2, 3)
35541 Ronald (1, 2, 3, 4)
34754 Stewart (1, 2, 3, 4)
34868 Stewart (3)
9361 Washington (1, 2, 3)
9282 Wayne (1, 2, 3, 4)
9322 Wayne (1, 2, 3, 4)

Hannan Road to Wayne Road/Ecorse Road to I-94 Area

35480 Mary (1, 2, 3, 4)
35741 Mary (1, 2, 3, 4)
36462 McBride (2, 3, 4)
36680 McBride (1, 2, 3, 4)
9429 Cogswell (1, 2, 3)
36723 Herman (1, 2, 3, 4)
36809 Herman (2, 3)
36950 Herman (2, 3, 4)
37008 Herman (2, 3, 4)
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37500 Herman (2, 3, 4)
36730 Menton (2, 3, 4)
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10275 Ozga (3)
35636 Ronald (1, 2, 3)
9324 Tobine (1, 2, 3, 4)
9505 Tobine (2, 3)
38500 Tyler (1, 2, 3, 4)
8631 Wahrman (1, 2, 3, 4)
9480 Wayne (1, 2, 3, 4)
35771 Wick (3, 4)
35825 Wick (2, 3, 4)
35971 Wick (1, 2, 3, 4)
Wellesley Townhouses/Smith (1, 2, 3, 4)

Hannan Road/Huron River Drive Area

38770 Huron River (1, 2, 3, 4)
39213 Huron River (1, 2, 3, 4)

Hannan Road/I-94 Area

39140 Chase (1, 2, 3)

Mt. Pleasant School Area

13199 Hannan (3, 4)
39263 Superior (1, 2, 3)
38828 Wade (2, 3, 4)

Huron Estates Subdivision Area

13536 Aston (1, 2, 3, 4)
37430 Castle (1, 2, 3, 4)
37613 Castle (1, 2, 3)
37749 Castle (3, 4)
38309 Castle (2, 3)
39320 Wabash (1, 2, 3, 4)
37457 Walnut (2, 3, 4)
37800 Westvale (1, 2)
38055 Westvale (2, 3, 4)

Huron River Drive (Eureka Road to Pennsylvania Road) Area

14500 Huron River (1, 2, 3)
14825 Huron River (1, 2, 3, 4)
15716 Huron River (1, 2, 3, 4)
16505 Huron River (1, 2, 3, 4)

Downtown Romulus Area

36633 Bibbins (2, 3, 4)
12125 Craig (1, 2, 3, 4)
11356 Delano (2, 3)
36800 Ferndale (1, 2, 3, 4)
36883 Ferndale (1, 2, 3, 4)
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36915 Ferndale (3, 4)
11156 Gabriel (2, 3, 4)
36755 Goddard (1, 2, 3)
35585 Grant (1, 2, 3, 4)
10068 Miriam (1, 2, 3, 4)
11563 Olive (1, 2, 3, 4)
36886 Porter (1, 2, 3)
37056 Porter (2, 3, 4)
37065 Porter (2, 3, 4)
36744 Romulus (1, 2, 3, 4)
11495 Wahrman (3)
12080 Wayne (1, 2, 3, 4)

Oakbrook Subdivision Area

15486 Anthony (2, 3)
30294 Cherry (1, 2, 3, 4)
15433 Colbert (1, 2, 3, 4)
15347 Collins (2, 3, 4)
15449 Collins (1, 2, 3, 4)
30166 Jamestown (1, 3, 4)
30523 Leroy (3, 4)
16266 Oak Tree (2, 3, 4)
15545 Sandburg (1, 2, 3, 4)
15617 Sandburg (3)
30000 Spain (2, 3, 4)
15411 Taft (3)
15759 Taft (3, 4)
29252 Whisper (3, 4)

Halecreek Subdivision Area

28485 Greenview (1, 2, 3, 4)
28440 Halecreek (1, 2, 3, 4)
13310 Harrison (3, 4)
15547 Harrison (2, 3, 4)
15753 Meadow (1, 2, 3, 4)
28162 Meadowhill (1, 2, 3, 4)
15825 Ridgebrook (1, 2, 3, 4)
15909 Ridgebrook (1, 2, 3, 4)
15858 Springhill (3, 4)
15115 Woodmont (1, 2, 3, 4)

Goddard Road/Middlebelt Road Area

28536 Goddard (2, 3, 4)

Goddard Road to Eureka Road

11240 Inkster (1, 2, 3, 4)
13575 Harrison (1, 2, 3, 4)

Middlebelt Road/Pennsylvania Road Area

30204 Pennsylvania (3, 4)

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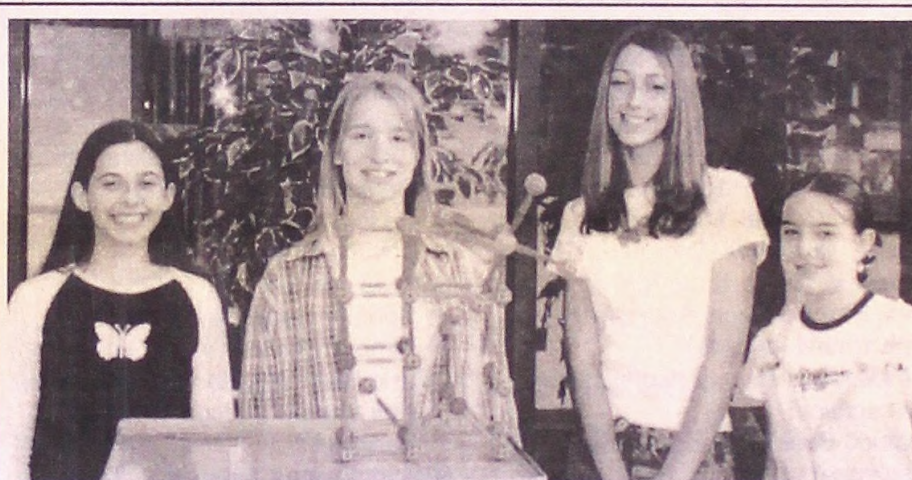
North Central Association representative Mike Bugenski (second from left) meets with (from left) School Improvement Team members Barbara Jaszcz and Greta Britton and Merriman Elementary Principal Shellie Moore to prepare for the NCA's accreditation visit to Romulus this fall.



Among those who attended the recent spaghetti-dinner fund-raiser that was held at Barth Elementary School in support of Romulus student Bradley Bills were (from left) Kristina Rafalski, Nicole Bills, and Jonathan Rafalski.



Joel Carr (left), the new Superintendent of Romulus Community Schools, welcomes Gage Marketing's Frank Uller to Romulus during the company's ground-breaking ceremony for a facility to be built at Cogswell and Ecorse. Carr is also an active member of the Chamber of Commerce.



Romulus Middle School students (from left) Jazmine Bennett and Sara Schulz took first place in the "Write It, Do It" competition at the Wayne County Regional Science Olympiad; Kristina Rafalski and Sarah Lindroth came in second in the "Science Crime Busters" category.



When the University of Michigan's head football coach, Lloyd Carr, served as the keynote speaker at a recent breakfast fund-raiser for the Romulus Boys & Girls Club, Romulus Middle School football players (from left) Phillip Roscoe, Anthony Price, Michael Broadnax, Mario Clark, and Robert Crawford got a chance to meet him. The breakfast was attended by nearly 240 staunch Club supporters, and raised more than \$5,000 for the organization.



Winning a gold medal in the State Social Studies Olympiad for their "Historical TV Newscast" were Romulus Middle School students (from left): front row – Jenessa Deshazor, Melissa Grace, Phillip Roscoe, Nichole Armstrong, and Britany Sawdy; back row – LaShonda Windham, Shauntya Simon, Joann Tieppo, Tiffiney Ramsay, and Jessica Frost. Terry Harper and Ryan Witherow (not pictured) won a gold medal in the Carmen-San-Diego computer geography game.

Awards Program Recognized Exceptional Students

On Wednesday, May 17, Romulus High School held its annual Awards Night program to recognize exceptional students for their achievements. A number of scholarships were awarded, as well.

Valedictorian

- Erin Conway

Salutatorian

- Brooke Thompson

Academic Honors/Kiwanis Awards

Note: Students are listed according to their grade-point ranking.

Erin Conway, Brooke Thompson, Steven Mientkiewicz, Jessica Nieman, Eric Franquist, Jennifer Nieman, Andrea Coate, Stephen Harper, LaDonna Franklin, Amber Bowman, Tariprey Burutolu, Felicia Middlebrooks, Jennifer Hoffman, Kimberly Minner, Anton Poole, Candice Bingham, Jarene Armstrong, Tyra Donald, Crystal Renton, Ruby Lee, James Taylor, Sarah Bent, Autumn Debus, Jennifer Vit, Tia Piggee, Jaclyn Evans, Caleb Beasley, Leslie Pitts, Parometris Watkins, Theresa Genaw, Sharice Carter, Naomi White, Sarah Cox, Peggie Cooke, Eric Staten, Nashid Sharrief, Lakrisha Broadnax, Jeanne Estes, Adam Weber, Dinah Malosh, David Pardon, Christopher Garwood, Christina Allen, Rachel Kolar, Shirlee Parsons, Crystal Mincovsky, Crystal Massey, Rayshawn Holbrook, Eric Renner, Mya Williams, Kara-Jo Kraft, Aaron Brohl, Keri Deverich, Andrea Hoppe

Department Awards

- Mubbeena Ahmad (technical education)
- Caleb Beasley (outstanding science)
- Benita Bell (culinary arts)
- Sarah Bent (chemistry)
- Candice Bingham (home economics)
- Christina Bishop (dance)
- Amber Bowman (English)
- Aaron Brohl (culinary arts)
- Tariprey Burutolu (band; math)
- Bataan Cline (culinary arts)
- Erin Conway (calculus; Spanish)
- Tracie Finley (computer science)

- LaDonna Franklin (band; English)
- Theresa Genaw (French)
- Kyle Gilmore (health occupations)
- Marie Hall (health occupations)
- Steven Harper (band)
- Jennifer Hoffman (biology)
- David King (culinary arts)
- Bobbie Lindsay (band)
- Michael McNeil (industrial technology)
- Steven Mientkiewicz (band; social studies)
- Crystal Mincovsky (yearbook)
- Candice Montgomery (physical education)
- Jennifer Nieman (accounting)
- Jessica Nieman (band)
- Leslie Pitts (home economics)
- Eric Staten (student government)
- James Taylor (physics)
- Ashley Terry (physical education)
- Rodel Wade (choir)
- Christina Wands (journalism)
- Christy Weidemann (business)
- Jessica Wilhide (creative writing)

Kiwanis Vocational Awards

- Jason Britt (building trades)
- Amanda Clark (photo/video technology)
- Jackie Evans (office education)
- Claudette Hawkins (culinary arts)
- David Jones (marketing)
- Rashonda Keith (health occupations)
- Ruby Lee (co-op)
- Bobbie Lindsay (robotics)
- Kimberly Minner (office education)
- Eric Renner (auto mechanics)
- Neil Sneath (computer-aided design)

Miscellaneous Awards

- Ron Bell (U.S. Marine Corps)
- Amber Bowman (Bausch & Lomb science)
- Aaron Brohl (U.S. Army scholar; four-year varsity)
- Tariprey Burutolu (U.S. Air Force)
- Erin Conway (U.S. Marine Corps; U.S. Navy)
- Eric Franquist (U.S. Navy)
- Moriah Holbrook (Walter B. Mach band)

- DeJuan McClendon (four-year varsity)
- Jessica Nieman (U.S. Air Force)
- Ashley Terry (four-year varsity)
- Kevin Thomas (four-year varsity)
- Brooke Thompson (U.S. Army scholar; four-year varsity)
- Charles Thompson (U.S. Marine Corps; four-year varsity)
- Parometris Watkins (U.S. Navy)

Presidential Academic Awards

Amber Bowman, Andrea Coate, Erin Conway, Eric Franquist, Felicia Middlebrooks, Steven Mientkiewicz, Jennifer Nieman, Jessica Nieman, Brooke Thompson

Michigan Competitive Awards

Jarene Armstrong, Sarah Bent, Candice Bingham, Amber Bowman, David Brushinski, Andrea Coate, Erin Conway, Autumn Debus, Eric Franquist, Eric Lindquist, Angela Longo, Michael McNeil, Felicia Middlebrooks, Steven Mientkiewicz, Jennifer Nieman, Jessica Nieman, Brooke Thompson, Jennifer Vit, Rodel Wade, Parometris Watkins

Local Scholarships

- Caleb Beasley (Romulus Booster Club – \$500; Wayne/Romulus Optimist Club – \$500)
- Candice Bingham (Romulus Booster Club – \$500)
- Amber Bowman (Romulus Arts Council – \$500)

- Tariprey Burutolu (Romulus High School Alumni Association – \$1,000)
- Erin Conway (REA Memorial – \$1,000; Romulus Rotary – \$1,000; Ray Kroc – \$500)
- Tyra Donald (Wayne/Romulus Optimist Club – \$500; Mildred Washington – \$250)
- Eric Franquist (Romulus High School Alumni Association – \$1,000)
- Kyle Gilmore (Robert Brock – \$500)
- Stephen Harper (Romulus Rotary – \$1,000; Romulus Community Schools Administrators – \$750)
- Claudette Hawkins (Romulus Rotary – \$500; Leonardo's Ristorante – \$350)
- Ruby Lee (Mayor's Task Force – \$1,000)
- Michael McNeil (Romulus Rotary – \$500)
- Jennifer Nieman (Romulus Rotary – \$1,000)
- Jessica Nieman (Romulus Rotary – \$1,000)
- Leslie Pitts (REA Memorial – \$1,000; Lorena Burton – \$500)
- Ebony Thompson (Arts/Humanities – \$1,000)

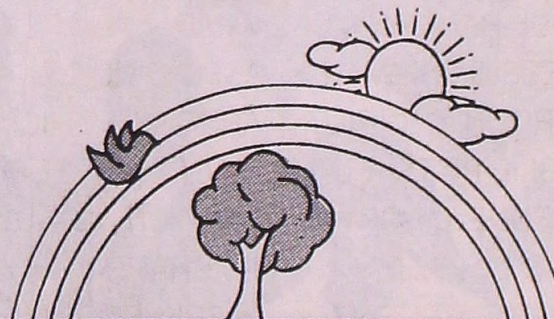
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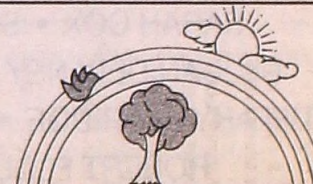
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SPECIAL MEETING, MAY 10, 2000

The Special Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Wednesday, May 10, 2000, was called to order by President Betty M. Lenossi at 5:21 P.M.

Roll call showed member Michael Woods absent (excused). Administrators Joel Carr, Ed Clark, and Richard Kruse were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Lenossi.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

5/00/12 Moved by Webb supported by Lambert to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

RATIFICATION OF CONTRACT:

5/00/13 Moved by Lambert supported by Berlinn that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the negotiation team and the Superintendent and ratify the attached teacher contract. The Agreement shall be effective as of May 10, 2000 (the date of ratification by both parties), and shall continue in effect until the 15th day of August, 2002. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

5/00/14 Moved by Dick supported by Lambert that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:43 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth E. Berlinn, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

Task Force Sponsors Awareness Day

"Good health is something that we all should strive for" was Bo-Bo the Clown's message to Kyle Timbrooks and other youngsters who attended the recent Family Fun & Awareness Day sponsored by the Mayor's Drug Task Force. The event – which promoted awareness of the dangers of using alcohol, drugs, and tobacco – featured a variety of entertainments and games as well as health-related information booths.

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REGULAR MEETING, MAY 8, 2000

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, May 8, 2000, was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by President Betty M. Lenossi.

Roll call showed member Billy McCraight absent (excused). Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, was absent (excused).

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Lenossi.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

5/00/1 Moved by Lambert supported by Woods to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

5/00/2 Moved by Lambert supported by Webb that the Board approve the Minutes of April 10, 2000, as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:**Personnel Actions**

Dr. Samuel B. La Monica offered the following personnel actions for Board approval.

RESIGNATIONS: Tanya Christini, Teacher, Cory Elementary School, Effective June 19, 2000; Diane Kyte, Teacher, Wick Elementary School, Effective June 19, 2000; Amy Winter, Teacher, Barth Elementary School, Effective June 19, 2000; and Darryl Simmons, Teacher, Halecreek Elementary, Effective June 19, 2000.

5/00/3 Moved by Lambert supported by Woods that the Board accept the resignation of personnel as submitted. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

5/00/4 Moved by Dick supported by Lambert that the Board accept the resignation of Gloria Williams and rescind her termination adopted by the Board of Education on April 10, 2000. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

5/00/5 Moved by Lambert supported by Woods that the Board accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and appoint Don Foley to the position of Assistant High School Principal for Romulus Community Schools as per the RASA contract effective May 1, 2000. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT (informational, only): Robin Omev, Secretary to Director of Human Resources, Effective July 1, 2000.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE (informational, only): Corrine Filbert, Paraprofessional, Middle School, April 10, 2000 to August, 2000 (Professional Development Leave); Janet Green, Paraprofessional, May 4, 2000 to August, 2000 (Professional Development Leave); Kim Jensen, Teacher, Middle School, January 2000 to January 2001 (Child Care Leave); and Greta Gill-Britton, Teacher, Merriman Elementary School, August 2000 to August 2001 (Personal Leave).

Bills for Payment

5/00/6 Moved by Berlinn supported by Lambert to approve the Bills for Payment as offered by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Summer School – Tom Dolan

Mr. Tom Dolan, Director of Curriculum, distributed a document with the activities for the remainder of the year 2000 and presented a tentative schedule of activities for the 2000–2001 school year.

Report on Adult and Alternative Education

Mr. Bill Musham and Mesdames Jacobson and Spieser presented their report on Adult and Alternative Education to the Board of Education. They also responded to questions posed by members of the Board of Education.

Bids – Athletic Facility

5/00/7 Moved by Dick supported by Webb that the Board accept the recommendation of the Athletic Facility's Advisory Committee, the architect's construction manager, and the administration to award contracts totaling \$958,447.08 to the attached list of contractors. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

None.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with members of the Board of Education: 1) Kellie Knight Students – Olympiad; 2) Praise – Staff Class Trip; 3) Three Field Trips – Barth/Student Council, Cory/Sixth Grade, and Wick/First Grade; 4) "Thanks" to R. Garret – Café Bibliothèque; 5) Report on High School "Coffee with the Principal"; and 6) Halecreek "Thanks" – Heart Association.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mrs. Debbie Dick talked about Service Learning and was proud of the award that we received. Mrs. Dick also had a couple of concerns relative to the school facilities.

Mrs. Betty Lenossi requested that the Board of Education participate in the Prom Toast again this year.

Member Lambert was excused at 8:27 P.M.

Executive Session – Negotiations

5/00/8 Moved by Woods supported by Berlinn that the Board convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:28 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 9:06 P.M.

Purchase of Property

5/00/9 Moved by Webb supported by Dick that the Board of Education approve the purchase of the 1.18 acres adjacent to Cory Elementary School at a cost of \$80,598.27 from the bond-issue funds. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

5/00/10 Moved by Dick supported by Webb to call a Special Meeting for Wednesday, May 10, 2000, at 5:15 P.M. to ratify the teacher's contract. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

5/00/11 Moved by Webb supported by Berlinn that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 5. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenneth E. Berlinn, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus; Cheryl Blanton, Media Liaison for the Senior Center; and Melissa Morton, Manager of the Romulus Tower, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column. (For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, please call 734-942-6852.)

Happy Birthday!

Best wishes for a wonderful birthday to those of my Tower neighbors born in the month of June: Jerlene Alred, Geraldine Eldred, Norbert Kolbe, Doris Mackie, Eva Nash, Joseph Scibilia, and Pearl Wilks.

Senior Appreciation Picnic

Under the direction of Senior Center Director Linda Norman, the annual Senior Appreciation Day Picnic was a great success. Games, hot dogs, and sloppy joes were enjoyed by all.

Among those in attendance were the first-grade class from Merriman Elementary School and eighth-graders from Romulus Middle School. Other guests included Mayor William M. Oakley; his assistant, David Cox; City Councilmen William Crova and Donald Morris; 34th District Court Judge Brian A. Oakley; local attorney Steve Robinson, and local businessman Ron Hopson.

Due to windy conditions, the festivities were eventually moved into the Senior Center's recreation room. Everyone enjoyed drinking hot coffee and playing bingo. Later, Mayor Oakley and David Cox returned to bring cake and ice-cream for everyone.

It was truly a day for appreciation.

Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips that have been planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman at 734-942-6852.

- **Soaring Eagle/Mt. Pleasant** (June 20; \$21),
- **Bay Mills/Kewadin Casinos** (July 20-21; \$129),
- **Shishawana** (September 5; \$62),
- **New England (Maine, Vermont, and New Hampshire)** (September 17-23; \$799),
- **Houghton Lake Cruise** (October 6; \$86),
- **Mackinac Island** (October 22-25; \$519), and
- **Hawaii Cruise/Tour** (19 days/September 2001).

Basham Hosts Breakfast Forum

State Representative Ray Basham (D-Taylor/Romulus) invites area seniors to join him for a breakfast forum to be held at Ford Senior Center (6750 Troy Road, just north of Ecorse Road in Taylor) on Monday, June 5, beginning at 8:30 a.m. The event is an excellent opportunity for seniors to share their insights and concerns with Basham and to be updated on legislation that impacts their lives.

"Every day, we deal with issues that affect senior citizens—prescription drug credits, nursing-home reform, tax cuts, and public safety," said Basham. "This is a good opportunity for me to share information on these subjects with my senior-citizen constituents, and to receive their feedback on these issues."

For more information, call the Ford Center (313-291-7740) or Representative Basham (517-373-0852).

Regularly Scheduled Activities

The Romulus Senior Center invites you to stop by on your own or bring a friend to take part in any of the following regularly scheduled programs:

- **Ceramics** (1 and 6 p.m. each Monday)
- **Club #1 meetings** (11 a.m. each Tuesday)
- **Bunco** (1 p.m. each Tuesday)
- **Bingo** (1 p.m. each Wednesday)
- **Pinochle** (1 p.m. each Thursday)
- **Quilting** (7 p.m. each Thursday).

For more information, please contact the Center.

TeleCare Program Available

The Romulus Senior Center's TeleCare program provides seniors with daily phone reassurance at no cost. To learn more, call the Center and ask to speak to Barb or Noel. They'll be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Center Offers Transportation Service

Round-trip transportation service within the Romulus city limits is available to local seniors each Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for a fee of just \$1. To make your reservation (no later than 2 p.m. on the day before the trip), please call 734-942-6852 during the Center's normal business hours.

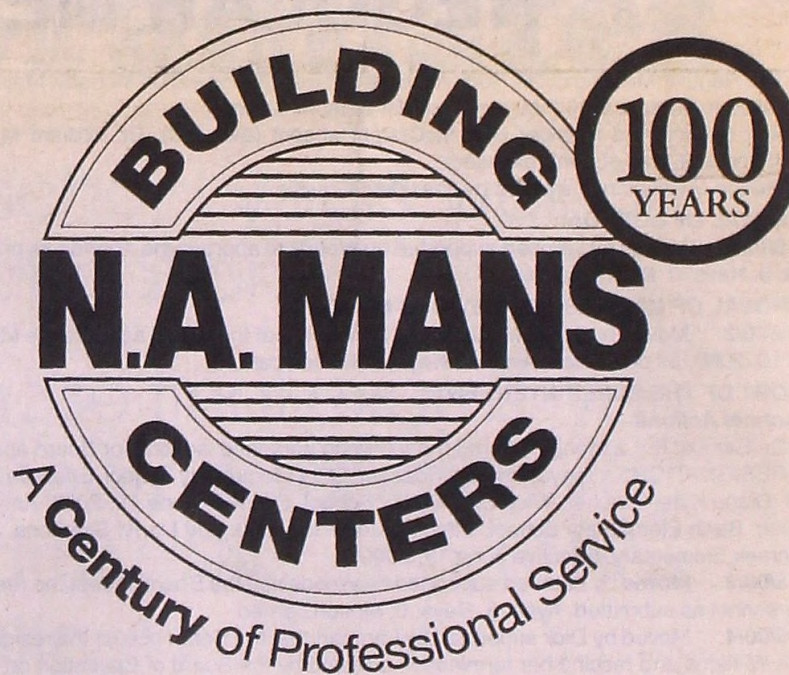
Hot Lunch

For just \$1.50, Romulus seniors (age 60 and over) can enjoy a hot lunch at the Center any weekday at 11:30 a.m. Call the Romulus Senior Center at least 24 hours in advance. □



The annual Senior Appreciation picnic was a big success. Senior citizens were joined by a number of officials from the 34th District Court and the City of Romulus, as well as first-graders from Merriman Elementary School and eighth-graders from Romulus Middle School.

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Community Calendar

- **PWP Hosts Crazy T-shirt Dance** - Downriver Chapter #369 of Parents Without Partners invites you to Crazy T-shirt Dance, to be held at the Taylor Moose Lodge (9981 South Telegraph, between Wick and Goddard roads in Taylor) on Friday, June 9, at 9 p.m. (An orientation for prospective members is planned for 8 p.m.; a general membership meeting for 8:30 p.m.) Attire will be casual; crazy T-shirts are encouraged! Admission is \$5 for members; \$7 for nonmembers. For information, contact Membership VP George Graff at 313-388-8488.
- **Trail Ride Benefits St. Jude's** - A "Saddle Up Trail Ride" - to be held at Ravenwood Stables (located at 2903 West Newburg Road in Carleton) on Sunday, June 11, at 11 a.m. sharp - will benefit St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Riders collecting \$75 will receive a T-shirt and sports bag; collectors of \$125 will receive the T-shirt and bag plus a sweatshirt. For information, call Ravenwood: 734-654-0100 (office) or 654-7925 (barn).
- **Summer Reading at the Library** - The Romulus Public Library (located at 11121 South Wayne Road, at Goddard, next to City Hall) invites children of all ages to take part in its annual summer reading program. Participants will keep track of the number of hours that they spend reading or being read to, and will receive stickers and small prizes as they meet various reading goals. Weekly entertainment programs will also be offered at 1 p.m. each Tuesday or Wednesday (schedule available at the Library). Registration for the free program begins June 12. For more information, stop in during the Library's regular business hours (Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, noon to 5 p.m.) or call 734-942-7589.
- **Saturday Morning Story Time Program Celebrates Father's Day** - Borders Books & Music-Dearborn is celebrating Father's Day with a Saturday morning "storytime/make a card for dad" program on Saturday, June 17, at 11 a.m. For more information, call 313-271-4441.
- **Immunization Fairs** - Romulus Community Schools - in collaboration with the Romulus Adolescent Health Center and Oakwood Healthcare Outreach - will host two immunization fairs during the coming summer. The first will be held at Cory Elementary School on Thursday, June 22, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.; the second will be at Merriman Elementary School on Thursday, August 24, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. All vaccinations (\$2 each) will be available at each clinic. In order for a child to be immunized, his or her parent must be present, and must bring a copy of the child's shot record. For more information, call Laura Ralko at 734-941-0272.
- **Summer Youth Workshops** - Macomb Center for the Performing Arts is currently accepting registrations for the following youth workshops: **Drama** (July 17-21; \$55 for grades 1-2, \$85 for grades 3-12), **Instrumental Jazz** (July 24-28; \$125 for grades 8-12), **Piano** (July 30-August 4; \$150 for all levels of proficiency, ages 7-18), and **Show Choir** (August 6-12; \$190 for grades 7 and up). For more information, call 810-286-2141.
- **Crafters Wanted** - The City of Romulus is seeking crafters who would like to participate in the annual National Night Out program, set for Saturday, July 29, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call the City of Romulus Recreation/Senior Citizen Center at 734-942-6852.
- **Chamber Hosts Annual Golf Outing** - The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce invites you to take part in its annual Golf Outing/Fund-raiser, set for Thursday, August 24, at Willow Metro Golf Course. The event, with its four-person-scramble format, will begin at 8:30 a.m. with a shotgun start. A donation of \$380 per foursome (no refunds) covers 18 holes of golf, a golf cart, refreshments on the course, and a steak dinner afterward, as well as cash and prize awards (teams with pros are not eligible for cash prizes or skins). Hole sponsors (\$90 each), door-prize donations, and volunteer workers welcome! For more information, call the Chamber: 734-326-4290.
- **Sweet Adelines International Seeks Singers** - Would you like to be part of a harmonious blending of voices singing a variety of music arranged in four-part harmony, barbershop style? Then the County Connection Chorus of Sweet Adelines International is for you. Rehearsals are held at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at UAW Local #898 (8975 Textile Road, Ypsilanti). Visit the group's website, www.sweetadelines.org, or call 734-480-8843.

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar,
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Michael Anthony Green

Michael A. Green

Greg and Lisa Green of Romulus, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of their new son, Michael Anthony Green.

Born in St. Mary Hospital (Livonia, MI) at 10:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 6, 2000, Michael weighed in at seven pounds, eleven ounces, and measured 19.5 inches in length.

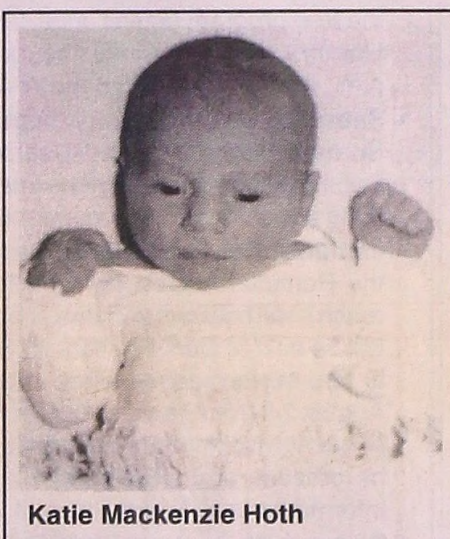
Among those giving the new arrival a warm welcome into the family were his paternal grandparents, Tony and Patricia Lawrence (Romulus, MI), and his maternal grandmother, Grace Boc (also of Romulus, MI).

Katie Mackenzie Hoth

Proudly announcing the birth of their new daughter, Katie Mackenzie Hoth, are Robert and Michele Hoth of Boyne City, Michigan (formerly of Romulus, MI).

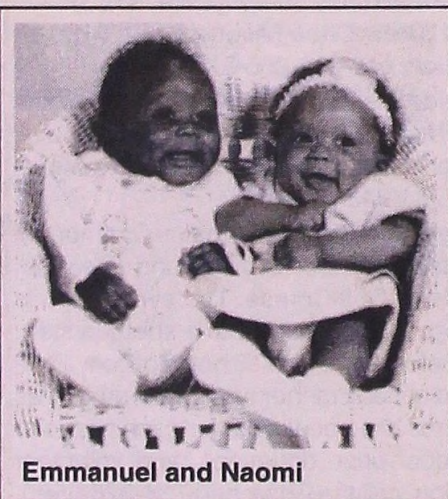
Katie was born in Charlevoix Hospital (Charlevoix, MI) at 3:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 9, 2000, weighing eight pounds, four ounces, and measuring 22 inches in length.

Especially excited about Katie's arrival was big sister Hannah. Also welcoming the new addition to the family were her paternal grandmother, Barb Hoth (Romulus, MI), and her maternal grandparents, Tom Scarrow (Romulus, MI) and Cheryl Keyser (Wayne, MI). □



Katie Mackenzie Hoth

Naomi and Emmanuel Newson



Emmanuel and Naomi

to announce the birth of twins: Naomi Michelle Newson and Emmanuel James Anthony Newson.

Born on Monday, December 13, 1999, in University of Michigan Hospital (Ann Arbor, MI), Naomi was the first to make an appearance (9:36 p.m.), weighing three pounds, twelve ounces, and measuring 17 inches; Emmanuel soon followed (9:44 p.m.), weighing four pounds, six ounces, and measuring 19 inches.

The twins' maternal grandparents are Herbert Hay (Inkster, MI) and the late Acquannetta Nundley-Hay.

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Obituaries

Jim Chamberlain

Jim Chamberlain of Taylor, Michigan, died on Wednesday, May 31, 2000. He was 85 years old.

Jim — a Great Lakes Steel retiree — was born in Lewisville, Arkansas, on June 23, 1914, and married his wife of 63 years, Lillie B. (Smithy) Chamberlain, on January 6, 1937.

Among those surviving him are his wife; two sons, Jimmie (Onstead, MI) and Leon E. Chamberlain (Caseville, MI); two daughters, Norma Wiltscheck (Sterling Heights, MI) and Martha Louise (Rick) Anderson (Clinton Township, MI); two brothers, Albert (San Francisco,

CA) and Charlie Chamberlain (Flat Rock, MI); two sisters, Lemay Ward (Little Rock, AR) and Audrey Simmons (Brownstown Township, MI); nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Predeceasing him were a brother, Fred (1991), and sister, Lorraine (1993).

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 3, at Calvary Baptist Church (Romulus, MI), with Pastor Marvin Hawbaker officiating. Interment will be at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock, MI).

Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI).

Lorraine P. Renke

Lorraine P. Renke of San Diego, California, died on Monday, May 15, 2000, at the age of 69.

The native of Romulus, Michigan, was born March 17, 1931.

Surviving Lorraine are two brothers, Phillip and Ray Renke (both of Romulus, MI), and one sister, Genevieve Dugan (also of Romulus, MI). Among

those who predeceased her is her sister, Mary Ann Banks.

A funeral mass was held on Friday, May 19, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus, MI), with Father Gerry Frawley officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock, MI).

Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI). □

Mercedes Marie Mercado



Mercedes Mercado

Nicholas Paul (18), Matthew Samuel (16), Melissa Marie (15), Rebecca Lynn (14), and Daniel James (12).

They lived in many states because Lanny was in the Navy and stationed out to sea.

In 1993, Mercedes moved back to Michigan. Since living here, she had become a Boy Scout leader (approximately four years), a preschool aide (two years), and a luncheon-room aide, and was still on call when they needed help. Her last active role was as a bus driver for the Romulus Community Schools.

On March 29, 2000, Mercedes was informed that she had leukemia, and not the flu, as she had thought. After getting the diagnosis, she was able to come home for a few days.

On April 5, she was readmitted to Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn. She began her first chemotherapy treatment on April 23 (Easter Sunday); her last was given on April 30. In the beginning of May, she began receiving stem-cell transplants from her sister, Magdalene Mercado.

After being placed in a drug-induced coma, she passed away on May 13, with her daughters at her side.

Her loving, giving nature will be missed by many. □

Mercedes Marie Mercado was born on October 27, 1960. She was the fourth of six children born to Dolores and Manuel Mercado.

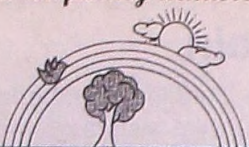
Mercedes grew up in Westland and attended John Glenn High School, from which she graduated in 1979.

Shortly afterwards, she met and married Lanny Eugene Thornton. Together, they had five children:

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